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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Wolfgang Aschoff et al

Title: FUEL TANK INSTALLATION

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - SECTION 1.97(b)

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicants' representative hereby submits US Patent & Trademark Office Form PTO-1449. Copies of the references cited therein are submitted for consideration in the examination of the above-referenced patent application. It is respectfully requested that they be made of record, along with whatever references the Examiner may find in the course of a search, should the Examiner consider them material to the subject application.

The references are considered to represent the closest state of the art. What is considered to be the closest reference, DE 34 42 142 A1, has been discussed in detail in the introductory part of the application.

The references do not disclose that in a fuel tank installation including a fuel tank with an expansion volume, a filler neck connected to the fuel tank below a maximum fuel level of the tank for refueling the tank, a fill vent line for venting the fuel tank during refueling and an operating vent line for venting an expansion volume of the tank, the

operating vent line extends within the fuel tank from the expansion volume of the fuel tank to a central penetration location and, at the central penetration location, through the wall of the tank together with the fill vent line.

This Statement is hereby submitted under Section 1.97(b) since it is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the above-referenced application.

Respectfully submitted,

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